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PUSHKIN AND MACDONALD (IN THAT ORDER) HELD SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH SOUVANNA AFTERNOON JULY 4. MACDONALD INFORMED US THIS EVENING RESULTS HIS ONE AND HALF HOUR DISCUSSION, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "GENERALLY UNSATISFACTORY. TALK COVERED THREE GENERAL SUBJECT, (A) SEATO, (B) INTEGRATION LAO FORCES, AND (C) VIETNAM RECOGNITION PROBLEM.

RE SEATO, SOUVANNA SAID THAT, IN VIEW RECENT EVENTS THAILAND, IMPOSSIBLE NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO SEATO IN LAO DECLARATION. HOWEVER, AFTER SOME ARGUMENTATION, SAID REFERENCE COULD BE OMITTED IF ALL EIGHT SEATO COUNTRIES TOOK FORMAL ACTION TO RESPECT NEW LAO GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE RENOUNCE PROTECTION MILITARY ALLIANCES. SUGGESTED FORMULA WHEREBY SEATO COUNCIL COULD PASS RESOLUTION TAKING NOTE OF RECENT ROYAL PROCLAMATION MADE IN VIENTIANE AT TIME GOVERNMENT INVESTED; AND TAKING PARTICULAR NOTE OF THE PROCLAMATION'S REFERENCE TO ZURICH COMMUNIQUE, WHICH CONTAINS APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE RE MILITARY ALLIANCES.

RE INTEGRATION LAO FORCES, SOUVANNA SAID THIS WAS INTERNAL AFFAIR WHICH "IMPOSSIBLE" MENTION IN GENEVA DOCUMENTS. AFTER ARGUMENT THIS POINT, HE OFFERED, "AS COMPROMISE" MAKE STATEMENT AT LAST SESSION OF CONFERENCE AFFIRMING HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION CARRY OUT ALL OBLIGATIONS UNDER ZURICH COMMUNIQUE, BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

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RE VIETNAM, SOUVANNA SAID DECISION TAKEN "IN PRINCIPLE" RECOGNIZE HANOI AND RECOMMENDATION FOR EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS HAD BEEN SENT TO KING. AFTER LISTENING TO MACDONALD ARGUMENTS, HE AGREED RECONSIDER WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN LAO DELEGATION. MACDONALD SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY ADOPTING NEW DELHI PATTERN BY DOWNGRADING BOTH REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSUL GENERAL LEVEL, AND QUINIM, WHO PRESENT DURING ENTIRE INTERVIEW, SEEMED FIND SOME MERIT IN IDEA.

COMMENT: THIS INITIAL ROUND INDICATES SOUVANNA HAS BEEN UNDER HEAVY PRESSURES FROM OTHER SIDE SINCE HE DRAFTED ORIGINAL TEXT DECLARATION IN PARIS. BECAUSE QUINIM PRESENT THROUGHOUT, MACDONALD DID NOT REVEAL FRENCH HAD PASSED TEXT TO HIM, BUT CONFINED SELF TO ARGUMENTS ON MERITS POINTS RAISED. HARRIMAN EXPECTS SEE SOUVANNA JULY 5.

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